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**VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS**

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Station WILK(AM), Wilkes-Barre, PA (Fac. Id. No. 34380)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Entercom Wilkes-Barre Scranton, LLC, licensee (the "Licensee") of station WILK(AM), Wilkes-Barre, PA (Facility ID No. 34380) (the "Station"), this letter respectfully requests expedited processing of BZ-20091014AFJ (accepted for filing October 19, 2009) (the "BZ Application") for the reasons set forth below.

Station has been operating pursuant to Special Temporary Authority ("STA") since April 28, 2009 (BSTA-20090427ACO, as extended by BESTA- 20090928AGO) because the Station was having difficulty with monitor points associated with its nighttime array. One of its monitor points was almost at its limit for field strength, but it was determined that it was improperly located during a 2003 partial proof. The second monitor point (on the 259 degree radial) had become more difficult to maintain as the point was usually at or about licensed field strength value. A partial proof of performance was conducted on the nighttime antenna system and the BZ Application was filed to resolve the monitor point issues and update other technical data associated with Station's nighttime array.

Until recently, WILK has been able to operate at slightly reduced nighttime power while keeping the monitor points within currently licensed limits while Station waits for the Commission to process the BZ Application. During this time, no complaints of interference have been received by Station due to its STA operations. Due to recent freezing of the ground area, Station has been forced to reduce nighttime power to 65% of normal power in order to keep the existing authorized monitor point on its 259 degree radial within currently licensed field strength limits. Station will likely continue operation at substantially reduced nighttime power during the entire winter season until the ground area thaws, which will cause a hardship on the Station. However, the pending BZ Application describes a new monitor point and value for the 259 degree radial that complies with the Commission's rules that the Station can maintain while operating at 100% power during the winter months. Accordingly, the Licensee respectfully requests expedited processing of the BZ Application so it can begin operating at full power as soon as possible.

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The undersigned counsel is authorized to represent that neither the licensee nor any party holding an attributable interest in the licensee is subject to a denial of federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 USC Section 862.

Kindly date stamp the enclosed copy of this letter acknowledging its receipt by your office and return it to me in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If any additional information is desired in connection with this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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